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and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. As of the date of this Application no Committee of Unsecured Creditors has been appointed pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 1102.

- 2. List Bio Labs is a privately held California corporation, owned by five shareholders, organized in 1978 to produce and sell research reactants derived from bacteria. Initially, the Debtor's focus was the production of bacterial toxins marketed to the research and vaccine development communities. The List Bio Labs reactant portfolio has now grown to include more than 100 products. A more detailed description of the Debtor's background and events leading to the filing of the bankruptcy case is provided in the Declaration of Debra Dye in Support of Initial Case Motions filed on December 17, 20009, as Docket No. 20.
- 3. List Bio Labs has retained Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean, LLP ("Wendel Rosen") to represent it, because the Debtor believes that Wendel Rosen's attorneys are well qualified and are familiar with List Bio Labs and the facts necessary to represent List Bio Labs in this case.
- 4. The professional services that Wendel Rosen is to provide include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Advising the Debtor with respect to the powers and duties as a debtor-in-(a) possession in the collection of assets and execution of a reorganization plan;
- **(b)** Preparing on behalf of the Debtor the necessary pleadings, schedules, statements, motions, applications, answers, orders, reports and other legal papers required in this chapter 11 case; and
- (c) Performing all other legal services for List Bio Labs which may be necessary as a debtor-in-possession.
- 5. To the best of List Bio Labs' knowledge, Wendel Rosen is disinterested and has no connection with the Debtor, its creditors, any other party in interest, its respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee, except as set forth below and in the Declaration of Proposed Counsel ("Berke-Dreyfuss Declaration"). To the best of the Debtor's knowledge, Wendel Rosen holds no interest adverse to the estate.

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Bio-Rad Laboratories	Guardian Foundation	State Compensation Ins. Fund
Citibusiness Card	Hamilton Company	Santa Clara County, Tax
City of San Jose	Henry Schein Inc.	1
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Costo Business Delivery	Nor-Cal Moving Services	University of Calif., Davis
County of Santa Clara	Orchard Supply/WRCB	The Regents of the University
De Lage Landen Financial Services	PG&E	of California

- 7. Wendel Rosen has a business connection with certain parties with whom the Debtor transacts business, but none of those parties have claims, as that term is defined by Bankruptcy Code Section 101(5), against the Debtor: Bay Alarm, Palo Alto Medical Foundation and XL Construction.
- **8.** With respect to the parties identified in Paragraphs 6 and 7 above, in the event that a dispute arises between any of those parties and the Debtor, Wendel Rosen shall not represent either the Debtor or other parties in the resolution of any such disputes.
- 9. The terms of the employment of Wendel Rosen agreed to by List Bio Labs as a debtor-in-possession, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court, are that Wendel Rosen will undertake this representation and that services will be billed at Wendel Rosen's standard hourly rates for 2010, which are set forth in Exhibit A to the Berke-Dreyfuss Declaration. A true and correct copy of Wendel Rosen's engagement letter is attached as Exhibit B to the Berke-Dreyfuss Declaration.
- 10. Wendel Rosen includes attorneys who specialize in the practice of insolvency, reorganization and bankruptcy law, and is well qualified to represent the Debtor. All Attorneys comprising or associated with Wendel Rosen who will render services in these cases are duly admitted to practice law in the courts of the State of California and in the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern District of California.
- 11. The Debtor's employment of Wendel Rosen is in the best interest of its bankruptcy estate.

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- 12. The Debtor paid to Wendel Rosen a prepetition retainer in the sum of \$96,000, which is subject to a perfected security agreement as set forth in the Engagement Letter attached as Exhibit B to the Berke-Dreyfuss Declaration. Compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for expenses incurred are to be paid pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §327 as allowed by the Bankruptcy Court and after notice and a hearing. The engagement letter also provides that the Debtor will pay to Wendel Rosen a post-petition retainer of \$84,000. Wendel Rosen will seek separate court authority for the payment of that portion of the retainer, upon notice and a hearing.
- **13.** The Debtor requests that this Court enter its order approving its employment of Wendel Rosen effective as of the filing date on the terms and conditions set forth in the Engagement Letter.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays that the employment of Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean, LLP to represent List Bio Labs as a debtor-in-possession in this bankruptcy case, according to the terms specified, be approved by this Court, and such other relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: January 4, 2010 LIST BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES, INC.

> Karen R. Crawford Karen R. Crawford President

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